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1 (New Draft of S.P. 586, L.D. 1703)
2 (New Title)

3 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 Legislative Document

No. 2332

9 S.P. 859

In Senate, March 20, 1984

10 Reported by Senator Hichens of York from the Committee on Education
11 and printed under Joint Rule 2.

12 Original bill presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot. Cosponsored by
Senator Hayes of Penobscot and Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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19 AN ACT Relating to the Definition of
20 School Year for the Purpose of Defining
21 School Eligibility.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5201, sub-§1, as enacted by
26 PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed and the fol-
27 lowing enacted in its place:

28 1. Eligibility to enroll; school year. A person
29 meeting the minimum age requirements of subsection 2
30 or section 7001, subsection 2, paragraph A, and who
31 has not reached 20 years of age before the start of
32 the school year may enroll as a full-time or, with
33 the consent of the school board, as a part-time stu-
34 dent, in public elementary and secondary schools.

1 The school year, for the purpose of this subsection,
2 is defined as starting on July 1st and ending on the
3 following June 30th.

4 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5201, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted
5 by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

6 A. War veterans who have not completed high
7 school before their 18th birthday may enroll in
8 the public schools in the school administrative
9 units where they reside until they graduate or
10 until the end of the school year in which they
11 reach the age of 25.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 The new draft clarifies the definition of school
14 year for the purposes of determining all students'
15 eligibility to enroll in school. It clarifies that
16 the eligibility to enroll entitles the student to
17 complete the school year for which the student was
18 entitled to enroll. It does not change the present
19 statute entitling a student to enroll in school up
20 until they are age 20, 25 if they are veterans. The
21 original bill dealt only with the ambiguity in the
22 present law as it applied to special education stu-
23 dents. The new draft clarifies the definition for
24 both special education and all other students.

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